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- L. A TACA plane was scheduled to depart from San Jose, Costa Rica, on 18 December, carrying Rosendo Arguello, Jr., Adolfo Baez Bone, Octavio Pasos Montiel, Mario Souza, and others, to El Salvador and Guatemala. Their objective was to secure from the new Salvadoran Military Junta a declaration of its position with regard to the Caribbean revolutionary movements. A completely favorable answer was anticipated, based on previous knowledge of that government's views.
- 2. The mission's objective in Guatemala was not revealed, but General Carlos Pasos, Mariano Morales, and other revolutionary leaders are there awaiting transportation to Costa Rica.
- 3. The Caribbean Legion members, except for a minority who were passing as mobilized Costa Ricans, were remaining quiet in the political background for the duration of the investigation of the international peace commissioners. Legion members were wearing civilian clothes.
- 4. A doubtful alliance has been reactivated between Rosendo Arguello Jr., and the Caribbean Legion. Tentative plans include a call to present to Honduran President-elect Juan Galvez a force of Costa Rican, Salvadoran, and Guatemalan revolutionists united against Somoze, and to threaten Calvez with internal revolt if he does not join. This threat of armed revolt in Honduras is based on a reported promise that arms would be released by Jose Figueres, President of Costa Rica, to Rosendo Arguello Jr., for use in the Nicaraguan revolutionary movement after termination of the fighting in Costa Rica.
- 5° Figures has been receiving these arms in Costa Rica from Cuba and other countries, through the medium of Rosendo Arguello, Jr., and the Cuban Juan Bosch.

